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1. SNB Frontier Guard Battalions, formerly called Frontier Battalions of the SNB, are stationed at Ceske Budejovice (049/Q 96), Pisek (N50/Q 69), and Pilsen (N50/L 04). All of the battalions have the same TO&E.
2. The battalion headquarters at Ceske Budejovice is organized as follows:

a. Personnel:

Former CO:	Maj (fnu) Blaha
Deputy CO:	Staff Capt (fnu) Stech
Intelligence Officer:	unidentified
Educational Officer:	unidentified

There are about forty clerks, drivers, and other service personnel in the battalion, all of whom are equipped with pistols.

- b. Transportation: Transportation consists of one Tatraplan, one Opel Capitan, and two Tatra cars.
- c. Communications: There are four radio operators in the battalion who operate long range senders and receivers of American make. With these radios they can cover practically the entire territory of CSR and are in direct contact with SNB headquarters in Prague (051/L 78), from which they receive orders. They are also in contact with their companies and platoons in the field.
3. The battalion stationed at Pisek was supposed to move to Klatovy (Klattau - N50/L 00) on 1 October 1949. Commanding Officer of this battalion is Maj (fnu) Maly, age 42, born in Moravia, and called "Ogar". Educational Officer is Senior W/O (fnu) Gefurt, and Intelligence Officer is Senior W/O (fnu) Cap. The TO&E is similar to that of the battalion at Ceske Budejovice.

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Budejovice except that this battalion has four Tatars, model "K", which are four-seated vehicles similar to the jeep.

4. Companies belonging to this battalion are located at:

a. Horni Vltavice (Ober Moldau - N49/Q 44) which has platoons at:

- (1) Ceske Zlevy (Bohmisch Rohren - N49/Q 44).
- (2) Kunzvart (Kuschwarda - N49/Q 35). Commanding Officer is 1st Lt (fmu) Mares, deputy CO is Sgt (fmu) Pavlik.
- (3) Knizeci Plane (Furstenhut - N49/Q 35). Commanding Officer is Senior W/O fmu Cervenka.
- (4) Bucina (Buchwald - N49/Q 25).
- (5) Stozec (Tusset - N49/Q 44).

b. Zelezna Ruda (Eisenstein - N50/Q 07) which has platoons located at:

- (1) Zelezna Ruda.
- (2) Prasilly (Stubenbach - N50/Q 17).
- (3) Hamry (Hammern - N50/U 98).
- (4) Hojsova Straz (Eisenstrass - N50/U 98).

c. Nyrsko (Neuern - N50/U 99) which has platoons located at:

- (1) Svata Katrina (N50/U 88). Commanding Officer is Senior W/O (fmu) Kuba.
- (2) Srbny (Neuhof - N50/U 89).
- (3) Hyrsov (Hirschau - N50/U 89). The Commanding Officer is Senior W/O fmu Vacac. Deputy CO is Sgt (fmu) Benicek. The Educational Officer is Sgt (fmu) Michelfried, and the radio operator is Sgt (fmu) Malsfeld. This platoon is located in a former nunnery.

d. Praporiste near Kdyne (Neugedein - N50/P 80) which has platoons located at:

- (1) Maxov (Maxberg - N50/U 79).
- (2) Ceske Kubica (N50/U 79).
- (3) Locations of the other platoons belonging to the company [redacted]

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5. The battalion located at Pilsen is commanded by Maj fmu Suk, whose deputy is Staff Capt (fmu) Kozel. Companies of this battalion are located at:

a. Babylon (N50/P 70) near Domazlice. This company has platoons stationed at:

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(1) Rozvadov (Rosshaupt - N50/P 43).

(2) Eisendorf (N50/P 52).

(3) Nemanice (Nemanetz - 050/Q 96).

b. Another company is located at Tachov (Tachau - N50/P 54).

c. Locations of other companies and platoons belonging to this battalion

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5. Platoons of the SNB Frontier Guards are organized as follows. Each has a commander, deputy commander, two radio operators, a Medical W/O, and an Educational Officer. Each platoon usually has three motorcycles and a Tatra, model "K". In addition, there are 20 men in the platoon, two of whom are in charge of the German police dogs.

a. The platoon is divided into Sections of five or six men, posted about 300 to 500 meters from the border. These Sections are equipped with American radio sets, and are usually billeted in empty houses. They are in the field for a week at a time, and either prepare their own food or have it sent to them from the rear in mermite type cans.

b. Platoon headquarters are usually located 3 to 4 kilometers from the border and company headquarters are stationed about 7 kilometers from the border.

c. Although the table of organization of each platoon calls for only one German shepherd dog, dogs owned by the individual soldiers are also used. All of these dogs are specially trained at a school in Pysely near Prague.

d. Night patrols are equipped with a two-man search light, the battery of which is carried by one man, the light itself by another. The light throws a beam up to 300 meters. Patrols are also equipped with old-type military rocket pistols which they fire when they need reinforcements from the rear.

7. Certain areas immediately adjacent to the border are now forbidden areas, requiring special passes for entrance. A person who wants to travel, for example, from Prague to Zelezna Ruda, must go to his local SNB, where he is checked and is then referred to the District National Committee, which further screens him and then issues the permit. When the person arrives at Zelezna Ruda, he must again report to the District National Committee of that district, where he is given a new document permitting him to stay in this area. This document contains the date of bearer's birth, the purpose of the visit, the person to be visited, the probable length of stay, and the estimated time of departure. These documents are good for only one specific place, and in order to visit any other town or place, even if it is nearby, the person must get another permit from the local District National Committee.

8. Towns which are considered as forbidden areas are: Vsetin (Neumark - N50/U 89), Nyrsko, Zelezna Ruda, Srni (Sruy - 050/M 86), Modrava (N50/Q 26), Vimperk (Winterberg - N50/Q 46), and Prachatice (N50/Q 56). All trains and buses entering and leaving these towns are thoroughly checked.

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9. The Ministry of Interior at Prague regularly sends to the battalion headquarters of the SNB Frontier Guards the "Bulletin of the Criminal Service", which lists all persons wanted by the police. SNB Frontier Guard platoons receive this information on the 15th and 30th of every month. In addition, the battalion headquarters receive phonograms at regular intervals listing persons who are suspected of trying to escape from CSR.
10. A card register is kept in each platoon of all reliable and unreliable persons of the district in which the platoon is stationed. These registers are secret but all SNB members have access to them along with the chairman of the local District National Committee and the Defensive Intelligence Officer of the local STB.
11. Platoons are equipped with CZ-7.65 mm pistols, 7.92 mm Mauser rifles, Russian type submachine guns, and type CZ hand grenades. Patrols are made up of two men, one of whom is equipped with a rifle, the other with a submachine gun. Each of them has a pistol and field glasses, and at night they carry the two-man search light and rocket pistols.
12. Watch towers, about 25 meters high, have been built at intervals along the border. These towers are located about 2 kilometers in from the border and between 400 to 1,000 meters from each other. They are primarily for military use and are not used by the SNB.
13. New members of the SNB are schooled in training centers at Cesky Krumlov (N49/Q 84), Tachov, Zbiroh (Zbirow - N50/L 35), Kasperske Hory (Berg-Reichenstein - N50/Q 27), Protivin (N50/Q 78), Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad - N51/P 69), Liberec (Reichenberg - 051/G 16), and Prague. The course usually lasts for three weeks and includes basic training and courses in Marxism and Leninism.

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